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SUBJECT: MODE - PERSONNEL LEVELS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REF: STATE 214407; BELLINGER/LEIDEL TELECON 8/24/78

1. FOLLOWING IS DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RESPONSE TO MR.
VEST'S LETTER OF MAY 30.

"IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF MAY 30, 1978, I REQUESTED
THAT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) COMMENT ON
THE RECOMMENDATION OF AMBASSADOR ARTHUR A. HARTMAN THAT ONE
OF THE THREE AMERICAN SECRETARIES IN THE LEGAL ATTACHE
OFFICE IN PARIS BE REPLACED WITH A FOREIGN NATIONAL. THE
FBI HAS INFORMED ME THAT THE POSITION OF SECRETARY IN THE
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PARIS LEGAL ATTACHE OFFICE IS A SENSITIVE POSITION HANDLING
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND THAT EACH SECRETARY PARTICIPATES
IN THE OPERATION OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT. THEREFORE,
THE FBI IS OPPOSED TO THE HIRING OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FOR
THESE POSITIONS. ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
I HAVE REVIEWED THE POSITION OF THE FBI AND CONCUR IN FULL
WITH THEIR POSITION. " SIGNED KEVIN D. ROONEY, ASSISTANT

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

2. DIRECTOR OF THE FBI STATED IN PART:

"EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652, SECTION 6 (A), PROVIDES ' NO PERSON SHALL BE GIVEN ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OR MATERIAL UNLESS SUCH PERSON HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE TRUSTWORTHY (PROVIDED OFFICIAL CLEARANCE) AND UNLESS ACCESS TO SUCH INFORMATION IS NECESSARY FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.' TITLE 28, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 17.52, REQUIRES CUSTODIANS OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OR MATERIAL TO 'INSURE THAT UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS DO NOT GAIN ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OR MATERIAL...' ALL FBI EMPLOYEES ARE CLEARED FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED NATIONAL SECURITY MATERIAL AND INFORMATION UP TO AND INCLUDING 'TOP SECRET'.

"LEGAL ATTACHE OFFICES, IN THIS INSTANCE PARIS, HANDLE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND MATERIAL ON A REGULAR BASIS IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF THEIR DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS. THE POSITION OF SECRETARY IN THE LEGAL ATTACHE OFFICE, PARIS, IS A SENSITIVE POSITION INASMUCH AS THE SIZE OF THE OFFICE NECESSITATES THAT ALL EMPLOYEES HAVE ACCESS OR BE EXPOSED TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS, ETC., THE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF WHICH WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY. EACH SECRETARIAL EMPLOYEE MUST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICIPATE IN THE OPERATION OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT TO WHICH FOREIGN NATIONALS ARE DENIED ACCESS.

"FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, THE FBI OPPOSES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AMBASSADOR HARTMAN'S RECOMMENDATION AS NEITHER FEASIBLE NOR PRACTICAL AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU SO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE."

3. COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE BEING POUCHED TO POST THIS DATE.

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